

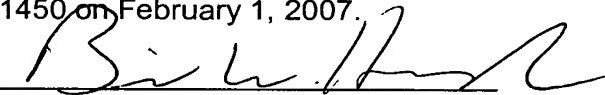
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Chris Tsalakopoulos ) Group Art Unit: 2857  
SERIAL NO: 10/534,157 ) Examiner: Edward Raymond  
FILED: August 30, 2005 )  
TITLE: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A LEVEL OF  
CONFIDENCE IN A RISK ASSESSMENT AND /OR DETERMINING  
A LEVEL OF ACCEPTABILITY OF AN EVENT OCCURING

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 4, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for 3-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to February 4, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings:** Please replace the previously filed drawing Figures 1-11 with the clean version of the amended drawing Figures 1-11 attached hereto in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.